per information available upto 1.11.1991, 142 posts have been filled up as per details below:-

	SC	*ST*
Group 'A'	16	5
Group 'B'	13	11
Group 'C'	52	22
Group 'D'	12	11

Out of the remaining 263 posts, 66 posts have been entrusted to the Union Public Service Commission/Staff Selection Commission for direct recruitment. 197 posts have been advertised in the news papers/ entrusted to the employment exchanges and voluntary organisations for recruitment of suitable candidates.

Another Special Recruitment Drive has also commenced.

Revamping of Coir Industry

2058. SHRI THAYIL JOHN ANJALOSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any project from Kerala Government for revamping the Coir industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). The Integrated Coir Development Project drawn by the State Government of Kerala with a total cost of Rs. 5,000 lakhs to be shared among the National Co-operative Development Corporation Limited, the Central Government and the State Government has been received and is being processed.

Supply of Soda Ash

2059. SHRI PARAS RAM BHARDWAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the latest guidelines issued for supply of soda ash to consumers by the manufactures;

(b) the percentage to be reserved for supply through cooperatives like Super Bazar, State cooperative outlets, etc.;

(c) whether the present production is sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers;

(d) if not, whether any proposals are under the consideration of Government to bridge the gap between the demand and the supply; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN):(a) The Government of India has not issued any guidelines for supply of Soda Ash to consumers by the manufactures.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and(e). Do not arise.

Transfer of Letter of Intents

2060. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been made any